

the legislation itself. There is no reason to wait. If any of you have ever served on a county board and voted like I have at least twice to develop a landfill operation, you understand what making decisions are all about. I'm not sure how many of you here served on a city council or a county board that had to make that decision. Certainly, the Legislature never has had to. And I can tell you that these kinds of degrees of concern and responsibility have been around for a long time. I don't know what we are waiting for. I don't know why it took us so long to get 114 to the floor at the present time and I don't know what you are waiting for at all. As it applies to the right of the people to know, that is exactly what this bill does and it addresses specifically one area of a terrible problem as it involves waste, and, in this case, hazardous waste. Where...how are...where are we supposed to start? With a solid waste issue? With a master land use plan? With mandated programs across the state? Another thing this bill does is provide the opportunity for local governments and jurisdictions to be involved and the people they serve to know and understand what is happening. I don't know what more important thing it can accomplish except that. It is important for people to know but the best way for them to know, in my opinion, is to support this legislation. That is what we are supposed to do, provide the leadership, not wait for somebody else to tell us what to do, not wait for the feds to cause a crisis that forces us to make these kinds of important decisions. I think this is very important legislation and it offers us an opportunity to display the kind of leadership we need. If the public is confused, it's confused because, in some cases, we inundate them with a lack of responsibility and we try to shove off on other jurisdictions, that happens at the local level in particular, the responsibility for meeting the solid waste problems. This isn't that complicated a problem or an issue, in my opinion. And the best way to address it is to have this kind of legislation successful. And I can probably speak with some authority not only because I was an old county commissioner, but if you were a plumber for 40 years like me, I think you would have some understanding of what waste is really all about. I would appreciate your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?